GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Armed Forces Tribunal Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the adjudication or trial by Armed Forces Tribunal of disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointments, enrolment and conditions of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, the Navy Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950 and also to provide for appeals arising out of orders, findings or sentences of courts-martial held under the said Acts and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

The question was put and the motion was adopted

DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालिया (झारखंड) : सभापति महोदय, एक बिल लेने के पहले कम से कम हाउस को आधे घंटे के लिए एडजर्न कर दीजिए ...(व्यवधान)... नहीं सर, अगर लेट नाइट तक बैठना है ...(व्यवधान)..

श्री सभापति : हम लेट नाइट तक बैठेंगे, और मुझे विश्वास है कि आपमें आधे से ज्यादा मैम्बर लंच करके आ चुके हैं।

श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालिया : नहीं सर, अभी तक पार्लियामेंटरी एफेयर्स मिनिस्टर ने यह घोषणा नहीं की है कि वे मैम्बर्स को फ्री लंच या फ्री डिनर खिलाएंगे।

श्री सभापति : अच्छा वह मैं अपनी तरफ से करवा दूंगा, आप बैठ जाइए।

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: नहीं सर, ऐसा नियम है। अगर देर तक बैठते हैं तो परम्परा यही है कि लंच सस्पेंड नहीं किया जाता है।

श्री सभापति: ठीक है, वह परम्परा मैं देख लूंगा।

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to provide for the creation of Legislative Council for the State of Andhra Pradesh and for matters supplemental, incidental and consequential thereto, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Bill, 2004, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 16th December, 2004, and was passed by the Lok Sabha on 15th December, 2005.

The Bill seeks to provide for the creation of Legislative Council in the legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh for matters supplemental, incidental and consequential thereto. Article 169 of the Constitution of India provides that Parliament may by law provide, *inter-alia*, for the creation of the Legislative Council if the Legislative Assembly of the State passes a resolution to that effect by majority of the total membership of the Assembly and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Assembly present and voting. The same article also contemplates that any such law may contain such supplemental, incidental, consequential provisions as Parliament may deem fit necessary.

Sir, the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh had passed a resolution on 8th July, 2004 in terms of Article 169(1) of the Constitution for the creation of a Legislative Council in the State. In this connection, it may be submitted, Sir, that the Legislative Council existed in the State of Andhra Pradesh prior to 1985, which was abolished *w.e.f.* 1st June, 1985. Thereafter, on the basis of a resolution passed by the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for revival of the Legislative Council in the State, a Bill to the effect, containing a similar provision for the State of Tamil Nadu also, was introduced in